

## **FY12 Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant**

**Your input is vital.** Your feedback can help shape policy, program planning, and the delivery of services that meet the needs of Delawareans. The Maternal and Child Health Bureau will be focusing their efforts 2010-2015 on the Priorities identified in the Title V MCH Block Grant application.

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is administratively located in the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health (DPH) within the Family Health and Systems Management Section. The MCHB is responsible for administering the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, which authorizes states to improve the health access and outcomes of all women (across the lifespan), children, infants, adolescents and their families, including fathers and children with special health care needs.

Three populations are mainly served through the Title V Block grant:

- Pregnant women, mothers and infants less than 1 year of age
- Children and youth ages 1-21
- Children with special health care needs

The Bureau's funded programs, activities and services are organized and aligned with the Title V conceptual framework. The conceptual framework for Title V is comprehensive and family-centered and focuses on core essential public health services. Services fall into four (4) main categories:

- 1) *Infrastructure building services* – laying the foundations for the policies and programs that can improve health and well-being
- 2) *Population based services* – primary prevention programs reaching everyone that might be affected or in need
- 3) *Enabling services* – helping families access and use health services targeted to those that face specific barriers
- 4) *Direct health care services* – delivery of basic health services and services for children with special health care needs

Public input into the Title V Block Grant application and Delaware's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services is critical to help identify and solve maternal and child health problems. It is an ongoing process sustained through a number of collaborative partnerships, advisory committees, and public forums. MCHB has renewed its efforts to engage families through health fairs, focus groups and other events to participate on assorted committees and planning bodies. Delaware has a strong state-wide coalition, Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium (DHMIC), focused on infant mortality elimination and improving the health of women and children. DHMIC is a Governor appointed body and submits an annual report on progress related to maternal and infant health.

For more information, please feel free to contact the MCH Bureau.